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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLAB, MA  
SUBJECT: MALAGASY LABOR APPROACH TO AFL-CIO

REF: PARIS 19216

1. I STRONGLY DISCOURAGE ANY FURTHER CONTACT WITH MALAGASY LABOR REPRESENTATIVES, WHOEVER THEY MAY REPRESENT. LABOR MOVEMENT HERE IS HIGHLY FRAGMENTED AND POLITICIZED WITH POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS DOMINATING SEVERAL OF THE STRONGEST UNIONS, INCLUDING THAT RECENTLY FORMED BY PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S PARTY AREMA. THE MONIMA PARTY, REPORTEDLY PRO-CHINESE AND WHICH HAS RECENTLY COME OUT INTO OPEN OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA, ALSO HAS A UNION, SYMPIMITO. DETAILS ON LABOR SITUATION CONTAINED IN ANT A-006, FEB 11, 1977, WHICH REPEATED TO PARIS.

2. DELICATE STATE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH DRM (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR) REQUIRES EXTREME PRUDENCE AT THIS TIME. MALAGASY SUSPICIONS ARE SUCH, EXPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO US, THAT ANY POSITIVE RESPONSE OR ENCOURAGEMENT OF FURTHER CONTACTS IN PARIS WOULD HAVE THE WORST POSSIBLE INTERPRETATION PLACED UPON IT BY RATSIRAKA'S GOVERNMENT, EVEN IF THE APPROACH TURNS OUT TO HAVE ORIGINATED WITH RATSIRAKA'S OWN LABOR UNION.

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3. PARIS HAS BEEN INFO ADDRESSEE FOR MOST OF OUR RECENT POLITICAL REPORTING, AND WE ARE HAVING REPEATED A FEW OTHER MESSAGES. WHILE PRESENT REGIME HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO GENERATE MUCH GENUINE PUBLIC ENTHUSIASM, IT IS PROBABLY SUFFICIENTLY DETERMINED AND STRONG TO SURVIVE ANY ATTEMPTS WHICH COULD BE MADE AGAINST IT BY MILITARY OR

CIVILIAN OPPOSITIONISTS.BARRETT

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